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Recognizing, and supporting efforts to enhance the public awareness of, the social problem of child abuse and neglect.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. DEWINE, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ALLEN, and Mr. DORGAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Recognizing, and supporting efforts to enhance the public awareness of, the social problem of child abuse and neglect.

Whereas each year in the United States approximately 3,000,000 reports of suspected or known child abuse and neglect, involving 5,000,000 children, are made to child protective service agencies;

Whereas 588,000 children are unable to live safely with their families and are placed in foster homes and institutions;

Whereas it is estimated that every year in the United States more than 1,200 children, 85 percent of whom are under the age of 6 years, of whom 44 percent are under the age of 1 year, lose their lives as a direct result of abuse and neglect;

Whereas this tragic social problem results in human and economic costs through crime and delinquency, drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence, and welfare dependency; and

Whereas Childhelp USA has initiated a Day of Hope to be observed on Wednesday, April 7, 2004, during Child Abuse Prevention Month, to focus public awareness on child abuse and neglect: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That—

2 (1) it is the sense of the Senate that—

3 (A) all Americans should keep the victims
4 of child abuse and neglect in their thoughts and
5 prayers;

6 (B) all Americans should seek to break the
7 cycle of child abuse and neglect and to give vic-
8 timized children hope for the future; and

9 (C) the faith community, nonprofit organi-
10 zations, and volunteers across America should
11 recommit themselves and mobilize their re-
12 sources to assist abused and neglected children;
13 and

14 (2) the Senate—

15 (A) supports the goals and ideas of the
16 Day of Hope, which will be observed on April
17 7, 2004, as part of Child Abuse Prevention
18 Month; and

1 (B) commends the individuals working on
2 behalf of abused and neglected children
3 throughout the United States.

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